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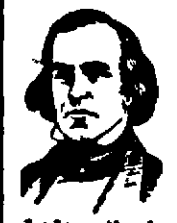
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AN OLD FAVORITE

THE CLOSING YEAR

By George D. Prentice



GEORGE DENISON PRENTICE, journalist, poet and humorist, was born at Preston, Conn., Dec. 18, 1802. After his graduation from Brown university in 1823 Mr. Prentice studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1825, but did not practice. He became editor of the Connecticut Mirror in 1825 and in 1828 of the New England Weekly Review. In 1830 he went to Kentucky on a political mission and remained there to become the editor of the Louisville Journal, now merged in the Courier-Journal. Mr. Prentice was considered by many who read his contributions to the New York Ledger the leading humorist of the time, but his serious writings and his verses well repay reading. He died in Louisville Jan. 22, 1870.

THIS midnight's holy hour,—and silence now
Is brooding like a gentle spirit o'er
The still and pulseless world. Hark! on the winds
The bell's deep tones are swelling,—'tis the knell
Of the departed year. No funeral train
Is sweeping past; yet, on the stream and wood,
With melancholy light, the moon-beams rest
Like a pale, spotless shroud; the air is stirred
As by a mourner's sigh; and on yon cloud
That floats so still and placidly through heaven,
The spirits of the seasons seem to stand.—
Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's solemn form,
And Winter with his aged locks,—and breathe
In mournful cadences that come abroad
Like the far wind-harp's wild and touching wail,
A melancholy dirge o'er the dead year,
Gone from the earth forever.

'Tis a time
For memory and for tears. Within the deep,
Still chambers of the heart, a specter dim,
Whose tones are like the wizard's voice of Time
Heard from the tomb of ages, points its cold
And solemn finger to the beautiful
And holy visions that have passed away,
And left no shadow o'er their loveliness
On the dead waste of life. That specter lifts
The coffin-lid of Hope and Joy, and Love,
And, bending mournfully above the pale,
Sweet forms that slumber there, scatters dead flowers
O'er what has passed to nothingness.

The year
Has gone, and, with it, many a glorious throng
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow,
Its shadow in each heart. In its swift course,
It waved its scepter o'er the beautiful—
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man, and the haughty form
Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim.
It trod the hall of revelry, where thronged
The bright and joyous,—and the tawdry wail
Of stricken ones is heard where erst the song
And reckless shout resounded.

It passed o'er
The battle-plain, where sword, and spear, and shield,
Flashed in the light of mid-day,—and the strength
Of serried hosts is shivered, and the grass,
Green from the soil of carnage, waves above
The crushed and moldering skeleton. It came,
And faded like a wreath of mist at eve;
Yet, ere it melted in the viewless air,
It heralded its millions to their home
In the dim land of dreams.

Remorseless Time!
Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe!—what power
Can stay him in his silent course, or melt
His iron heart to pity? On, still on
He—presses, and forever. The proud bird,
The condor of the Andes, that can soar
Through heaven's unfathomable depths, or brave
The fury of the northern hurricane,
And bathe his plumage in the thunder's home,
Furls his broad wings at nightfall, and sinks down
To rest upon his mountain crag,—but Time
Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness,
And night's deep darkness has no chain to bind
His rushing pinions.

Revolutions sweep
O'er earth, like troubled visions o'er the breast
Of dreaming sorrow,—cities rise and sink
Like bubbles on the water,—fiery isles
Spring blazing from the ocean, and go back
To their mysterious caverns,—mountains rear
To heaven their bald and blackened cliffs, and bow
Their tall heads to the plain,—new empires rise,
Gathering the strength of hoary centuries,
And rush down like the Alpine avalanche,
Startling the nations,—and the very stars,
Yon bright and burning blazonry of God,
Glitter awhile in their eternal depths,
And, like the Pleiads, loveliest of their train,
Shoot from their glorious spheres, and pass away
To darkness in the trackless void,—yet, Time,
Time, the tomb-builder, holds his fierce career,
Dark, stern, all-pitiless, and pauses not
Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his path,
To sit and muse, like other conquerors,
Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought.

WRECK ON C. & A.

Projecting Freight Caused Great Damage at Atlanta.

Bloomington, Dec. 25.—The projection of a heavy freight engine onto the main track of the Chicago & Atlantic in Atlanta, Ill., last night resulted in the wreck of the southbound passenger, express, baggage, and smoking cars and the engine left the track. Two hundred passengers in all were badly shaken up and bruised. The most seriously injured are Samuel Livingston, Chicago; A. C. Brancher, Danville, Ill.; Mrs. M. S. Rogers, Chicago; M. M. Berry, Bloomington; F. J. Harper, Normal; Ben Eckert, Chicago; H. H. Glendon, baggageman, Chicago; H. E. Humphrey, conductor, Chicago; William F. Lennin, engineer, Bloomington; John RJordan, fireman, Bloomington. The damage will amount to \$50,000.

McLeod Wins at Wrestling.
Worcester, Mass., Dec. 25.—Dan McLeod won the championship of Ameri-

BOY'S QUICKNESS

WITH GUN BRINGS DOWN FRANK DOUGHERTY AT HOT SPRINGS—KILLED DETECTIVE

MURDERER SHOTS HIMSELF

Christmas Day Produces Many Crimes—Husbands Kill Wives and Then Themselves.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—Chief of Detectives Donohue was shot and killed on the street by Frank Dougherty, a race track follower here today. Donohue attempted to arrest Dougherty when the latter shot him dead. While he was attempting to escape a boy fired a load of shot into Dougherty's face and breast. The murderer then shot himself in the head and will die.

Murdered in His Home.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 25.—Christian Rauck, a farmer, was shot by an unknown person while closing the door of his cellar in which a man was concealed. Rauck staggered into the house, where his aged mother lay dying from apoplexy. Two hours later he died. The murderer escaped.

Caused by Jealousy.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 25.—George Carter shot and killed his wife and then killed himself today. Jealousy was the cause.

TOWN SURELY IS UNLUCKY

Bloomington Comes in for Another Scorching Amounting to \$200,000.

FIRE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

Bloomington, Dec. 25.—Fire tonight destroyed W. A. Nicolaus & Company's dry goods house and damaged adjoining buildings. C. W. Klem's stock of wholesale dry goods, was damaged by smoke and water. The total loss was \$200,000. Charles Abrams, assistant fire chief, fell from a ladder and was badly injured.

Omaha, Dec. 25.—At noon today the sheep barns of the Union Stock Yards company, South Omaha, burned, together with 500 sheep. Loss \$50,000.

Wimbledon, N. Dak. Dec. 25.—Jesse Forsyth and Harry Sinclair were perhaps fatally burned in a fire that destroyed Frank Arceneaus restaurant and an adjoining building. James Lofel and Frank Arceneaus were seriously burned. The fire was caused by gasoline explosion.

Peabody, Mass., Dec. 25.—A fire which broke out about midnight in Vaughan Machine works and damaged that concern to the extent of \$25,000, broke out afresh at 2 o'clock this morning after it was supposed to be gotten under control. The fire at 2:30 a. m. assumed dangerous proportions.

New York, Dec. 26.—Fire early this morning completely destroyed the coopers plant of the Arbuckles Sugar Refinery, Brooklyn.

During the progress of the fire a wall fell, burying the members of one of the fire companies beneath the mass of bricks and wreckage. Michael O'Toole was killed and Thomas Coppinger a battalion chief and Thomas McCarthy very seriously hurt.

Battalion chief Coppinger died after being taken to the hospital and the dead body of Assistant Foreman Thomas Jeffries was found in the ruins of the fallen wall.

Estimates of the loss run from \$100,000 up.

WILL ACCEPT HAGUE.

Castro is Willing Under Certain Conditions He Proposes.

Caracas, Dec. 25.—President Castro has telegraphed from La Victoria his acceptance of the proposal to submit all pending differences to arbitration of The Hague tribunal, subject to certain conditions which include a cessation of the blockade and the return to Venezuela of the fleet seized by the allied powers. Castro's acceptance has been transmitted to the Washington government from which the proposal emanated.

SEARCH FOR MUTINEERS.

British Cruiser Starts Search for Leicester Castle Crew.

Victoria, B. C. Dec. 25.—According to advices from Honolulu the British cruiser Shearwater has left there for Pitcairn and other South Sea Islands and will make a search for mutineers who left the ship Leicester Castle after shooting the captain and killing the second mate Dixon. The mutiny occurred three hundred miles from Pitcairn and it was believed the mutineers might reach that island if they did not perish at sea.

HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED

Estimate, Placed on Earnings of Dr. Lorenz Have Been Entirely Too High.

HIS ONLY FEE WAS \$30,000.

New York, Dec. 25.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, who returned to this city from Boston today, while discussing his visit to this country said:

"There is one thing I want to say and that is in regard to finance. I see it reputed I have made in this country \$160,000. Now as a matter of fact, I got one fee of \$30,000 in Chicago and in four months I have been here I have earned just \$30,000. My practice at home in four months is worth that."

He expressed the greatest satisfaction with the professional result of his visit to America, said it has been crowned with the success of his life, and spoke gratefully of the hospitality he had received at the hands of the Americans.

WHITE CHRISTMAS.

New York Had a Crisp Christmas Weather.

New York, Dec. 25.—New York enjoyed a "white Christmas" this year. The ground was thickly covered with snow.

In all churches special Christmas services were held.

Dinners to the needy, to the sick and those in prison were given by the score. Feasts were served in all hospitals, and charitable institutions throughout the city and suburbs.

The usual Christmas charity of the salvation army was carried out successfully. The Army gave away nearly two thousand dinners. Each dinner was calculated to feed five persons.

CABLE CONNECTION

With Honolulu Likely to be Effectuated This Morning.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 25.—A cablegram today from cable steamer, Silvertown, states the total cable laid is 2109 knots and that the vessel expects to reach Honolulu Friday morning.

GOV. YATES' HEALTH.

Has So Improved He Will Come Home Tuesday.

Springfield, Dec. 25.—A message from Governor Yates, now in Florida, says he has so much improved in health that he and Mrs. Yates will return to Springfield next Tuesday.

THREE YEARS FOR RODRIGUEZ.

The Penalty Inflicted on Man Who Robbed Miles.

Honolulu, Dec. 17, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—Pedro Rodriguez, of Porto Rico, who robbed General Miles and Col. and Mrs. Maus, while in Honolulu en route to the Philippines was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to three years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

IN BROKEN DINGY

Crew of the Ketch Marquis Escaped To Shore.

Victoria, Dec. 25.—The rescued captain and crew of the Ketch Marquis of Linlithgow has been brought to Lunenburg by the steamer which picked them up in Buss Straits where they had remained on a small rock two miles and a half from the main land, without food or water and with the sea sweeping over them for three days. The Ketch was wrecked close by and they ultimately patched up a broken dingy which enabled seven unfortunate to reach the shore.

Attempting Reconciliation.

London, Dec. 25.—The Rome correspondent of the Mail telegraphs that as an outcome of the negotiations with the Saxon court the pope has sent a prelate to Geneva to inquire into the circumstances of the flight of the crown princess of Saxony with a view to arranging a reconciliation.

LUMBER STEAMER LOST.

Started on Three Hour Trip Tuesday and Still Unheard From.

Toledo, Dec. 25.—The steamer, A. L. Hopkins, lumber laden, bound for Toledo from Amherstburg, Ont., is given up for lost by the local vesselmen. She left Amherstburg Tuesday morning and should have arrived here three hours later, but has not been heard of at any Lake Erie port.

MEN OF WAR RACE.

Alabama and Massachusetts Boats Tie For Big Purse of Money.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 25.—The race between the boats of the battleships, Alabama and Massachusetts over a distance of three miles for \$1000 today resulted in a tie. Time 29 minutes 28 seconds.

CABLE LANDING

WILL BE EFFECTED AT HONOLULU TODAY BY THE CREW OF THE STEAMER SILVERTOWN.

EVENT TO BE CELEBRATED

The First Link in the New Trans-Pacific Cable is Almost Completed.

Honolulu, Dec. 25.—The Honolulu chamber of commerce and other bodies will celebrate the arrival of the cable-ship Silvertown, establishing communications between here and San Francisco. There will be a general holiday and large public meetings will be held.

Public Celebrate.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—On board the cable ship Silvertown, Dec. 25.—The eventful trip of the cable ship Silvertown will be completed Friday and the first link of the trans-Pacific cable will be laid. In making the Honolulu connection the cable will be buoyed thirty-five miles from the shore end and laid out with buoys and spliced.

During the past twenty-four hours 250 knots have been laid, making a total of 2109 knots from San Francisco. Not a single calm day has prevailed during the voyage from San Francisco.

THE DEAD AT HOT SPRINGS

As a Result of the Explosion in the Pool Room.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—William Helwig and Joe Kenney, both of Hot Springs, victims of yesterday's pool room explosion, died during the night. These are the only fatalities recorded but four more persons likely to die. The explosion wrought dreadful havoc in the pool room, which was crowded with people, all going down in a mass of wreckage. Benjamin Murray, driver of a gasoline wagon, in a statement today, says he made a connection from the wagon to the gasoline tank in the cellar under the pool room. Upon entering the cellar he found twenty or thirty gallons of gasoline had overflowed in a large pool on the floor. Fearing an explosion, he rushed to an open window, and closed it. He says the dog was then opened by a negro porter and the gases coming into contact with the lighted cigars in the pool room were ignited, and the explosion followed.

All the injured are receiving the best treatment.

ITALY'S STAND.

Must Come in on Equality With Other Nations.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The only conditions which Italy has attached to her acceptance of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulties are that all points in the dispute shall be submitted to arbitrators so that no question shall be left undecided, and that Italian claims must be considered on an equality with those of the other powers.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Iowa Farmer Kills Wife And Then Himself.

Alonga, Ia., Dec. 25.—This afternoon Harry Adams killed his wife with a shotgun and then blew his own brains out. The couple lived unhappily and once it is said she eloped with another man but afterwards returned to Adams. She leaves two children.

Earthquake Cause Heavy Loss.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—According to latest advices from Andijan, Russian central Asia, shocks of earthquake are continuing. There have been four or five seismic disturbances daily, particularly violent during the night of December 22, and the following morning.

The damage resulting from the recent earthquake amounts to several million dollars.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Colored Miner's Fatal Sleep in the Open Air.

Springfield, Dec. 25.—Maurice Curtis, a colored miner, was frozen to death last night during the storm. On his way from Ashland to Pleasant Plains he lay down to rest and succumbed to the cold.

Christmas Day in Rome.

Rome, Dec. 25.—All fashionable Rome wound up Christmas day at the American embassy where Ambassador and Mrs. Meyer entertained their friends at a dance. Among the Christmas felicitations received by the pope today were greetings from Emperor Francis Joseph and the kings of Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Saxony.

MOROCCO IS THREATENED

A Serious Revolt Will Follow the Defeat of the Government by Rebels.

MANY TRIBES WAVERING.

London, Dec. 25.—The correspondent of the Times at Fez, Morocco, describes the situation there as serious owing to the large increase in the number of the pretenders and followers whom the government troops are too weak to attack. Reinforcements are being forwarded.

Many tribes not already in rebellion are wavering and ready to join the rebels in the event of serious government defeat.

The pretender is fully supplied with every necessary and had distributed his forces over the district where they can be either collected or dispersed very quickly. The Times' correspondent adds the pretender's position is very strong. He professes not to claim the throne for himself, but desires the overthrow of the Sultan on account of his European tendencies, and that a new sultan will be chosen who will continue war against the Christians.

WILL ASK ABOUT IT

French Deputy Wants to Know Why The Hague is Ignored.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Baron D'Estournelles De Constant has written the foreign minister Delcasse notifying him the writer will interpellate the government on the reassembling of the chamber concerning the disregard of article 27 of The Hague convention shown by the allied powers in coercing Venezuela.

In his letter D'Estournelles strongly supports the contention of the United States that the Venezuelan trouble should be referred to The Hague. After pointing out the present is just the contingency contemplated by article 27, the writer says:

"The conflict rests between Venezuela and several signatories to The Hague convention and the formal obligation that France and the 25 other powers signed is not only being ignored but we observe systematic interdiction of The Hague court by European governments. An explanation has become necessary. I cannot be objected to by the allied powers that Venezuela took no part in the conference; and as she is asking for arbitration an occasion exists for reminding the powers of the obligations they signed and ratified. Nor can the reply be made that the states unlike individuals are free to observe their engagements and that moral obligations exist only for individual or for the weak, as this point of view is precisely contrary to the principle of The Hague conference sought to secure."

MOB REVENGED

NEGRO MURDERER TAKEN FROM JAIL AT PITTSBURG, KAS., AND HANGED BY ANGRY MOB.

FOR DELIBERATE MURDER

Had Taken Revolver from Policeman and Killed Officer Who Was Doing His Duty.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 25.—Montgomery Godley, colored, was taken from the jail here today and lynched by a mob because early this morning he had shot and killed Milton Hinkle, policeman while the officer was trying to protect himself against a crowd of unruly negroes.

Hinkle attempted to arrest Godley and his brother and was set upon by the crowd. He signalled for help, but before the officers arrived Godley snatched a revolver from Hinkle and placing it behind his ear fired, the bullet passing through the policeman's head, and causing a wound which resulted in his death some hours later.

Godley was arrested soon after and placed in jail. The mob gathered, and breaking down the doors of the jail took the negro out and hanged him to a telephone pole.

The rope broke on the first effort and Godley fell to the ground. At this instant some one cut the rope, severing the jugular vein. He was then hanged again.

Godley came here from Pierce City, Mo., at the time the citizens of that town drove the negroes out of the city two years ago.

Trolley Car Collision.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—The Union Traction company's "limited" car collided with President McCullough's private car near McCordsville, 17 miles east of this city today. Bart Fraser, the motorman, was so badly crushed, that he died. Many passengers were more or less injured.

HAGUE PROPOSED

TO ACT AS ARBITRATOR AND CASTRO REPORTED TO BE WILLING.

AMERICANS WILL INSIST

That the Blockade Cease Pending the Negotiations—Latest Phase of the Venezuela Question.

Washington, Dec. 25.—No confirmation could be obtained in Washington tonight of the report from Caracas that the proposition had been made to Castro that all pending differences between Venezuela and European governments be submitted to arbitration of The Hague tribunal. If as stated, the suggestion has come from Washington that the matter should be arbitrated at The Hague, that conclusion probably was reached at a conference the president had with Secretary Hay yesterday afternoon. The dispatch to Castro through Minister Bowen, suggesting arbitration at The Hague, must have followed that conference. The officials here have refused absolutely to say anything on the subject since the receipt of the proposal from the allies or even give out anything bearing on the terms that are proposed. The impression here tonight is that an early determination of the matter will be reached.

No matter by whom the matter is arbitrated, the feeling here is strong that the United States, if occasion arises, will insist the existing blockade be called off, while arbitration is in progress. The presence of the blockading fleet along the Venezuelan coast is sure to be a menace to peaceful conditions. The greatest objection to a continuance of the blockade pending arbitration will be the loss to American shipping interests which this government does not believe should be tolerated.

HURRY UP PAYMENT.

Must Be Made Before Germany Will Consider Arbitration.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes today the following statement evidently inspired by the foreign office:

The German government has excluded from the scope of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty a claim of 1,700,000 bolivars which must be paid immediately in cash before arbitration is begun."

The paper adds that it is understood here that President Roosevelt's undertaking to arbitrate involves an indirect guarantee for the payment of the sum awarded.

Confidence has grown in the government circles during the past twenty-four hours that President Roosevelt will accept the task of arbitration.

Deaths of the Day.

New York, Dec. 25.—Col. Henry Clay Lockwood, a civil war veteran, and author of the "Abolition of the Presidency" is dead, aged 63.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Col. Wm. B. Shaut is dead at his home here. At the outbreak of the rebellion he was a member of the famous 131st Pennsylvania volunteers and in 1862 was made colonel. He was formerly engaged in business in Chicago and Rockford, Ill.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 25.—James Leeming, of New York, general freight agent of the Erie division of the Erie railroad, died here today. He had a national reputation in railroad circles. He was one time chief clerk of the Chicago & Eastern railroad.

IN STATE DINING ROOM.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Entertain at Dinner.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The president and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a number of friends at dinner tonight. The table was set in the newly furnished state dining room. The guests included Senator and Mrs. Lodge, John Lodge, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, John Elliott, of New York, Mrs. Charley Henry Davis, Miss Davis, the Messrs. Davis and Robert Ferguson. At the Mexican embassy a supper was given tonight.

Miss Rebecca Knox, daughter of the attorney general who returned from Pittsburg for Christmas, is quite ill at her parents home.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Illinois—Fair continued cold Friday; Saturday fair and not so cold in the north portion. Fresh to brisk north winds.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Thursday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer:

7 a. m. 5 Highest 15
Noon 10 Lowest 3
7 p. m. 8

Marriage of Miss Elizabeth Cram of Macon to Arthur P. Cram of Whitinsville, Mass.

A FAMILY REUNION HELD.

Macon, Dec. 25.—(Special to the Herald)—A pretty high noon wedding occurred here today, when Miss Elizabeth Cram, daughter of Mrs. Susan Cram and sister of C. W. Cram of the Macon Record; and Arthur P. Cram of Whitinsville, Mass., were married at the home of the bride's mother, Rev. J. Franklin Fitterolf of the First Presbyterian church performed the ceremony, before a large company of friends and relatives. Miss Elizabeth Cram played the wedding march from Lohengrin, during the ceremony and the "Serenade" after the ceremony.

The bride, who is one of Macon's prettiest girls, wore a gown of cream Henrietta, trimmed in white tulle and ribbon. She carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations.

Following the ceremony the bride and groom mingled with their guests and received congratulations. The party then gathered in a beautifully decorated dining room where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served.

A large number of pretty and useful wedding presents were received from friends here and abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Cram left for Decatur last night and will go from there to Whitinsville, Mass., where the groom is employed as a machinist. They will be at home to friends there after January 1st.

Those present were as follows:

Dr. A. L. Hughes and wife, and son Luther, James A. Wells and wife, H. L. Highly and wife, Mrs. Lillian Montgomery, Mrs. L. Cawlet, Misses Ola Boggs, Lillian Draper, Lena Draper, Christine Cook, Blanch Cazel-t, DeRother Rankins, Mrs. S. Cram, Emmett Cram, Allen Cram, Decatur, C. E. Heckler and family of Bethany, Rev. J. Franklin Fitterolf.

Walters-Watson.

The marriage of Miss Lola S. Watson and George Walters of Shelbyville, occurred this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. E. M. Suten of the First Methodist church was the officiating minister. The house was beautifully decorated. Following the ceremony there was an elaborate wedding supper served. The bride is prominent in church circles and the groom is an industrious farmer.

Family Reunion.

The family of William Herbert, proprietor of the Transient House, held a reunion here today. The family relations from Decatur were all present and the feast at noon was long to be remembered. Among those present were F. L. Taylor and wife, Jerry Black and wife, Gus Dorsey and wife, and James M. Herbert and wife of Decatur and a large number of Macon friends.

Items.

Mayor E. L. Hix is erecting a two-story house on Wall street. The house will have all modern conveniences. The cost will be about \$2500.

Wilber Dawson was in town today.

A. H. Cram was in Decatur today.

BECKMAN-FREMONT NUPTIALS

Happily Celebrated Christmas Night at Home of Bride's Parents

Charles E. Beckman and Miss Fannie B. Fremont were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at the corner of Monroe and Eldorado streets Thursday evening.

Rev. Thorn, pastor of the United Brethren church performed the ceremony. Only about fifty invitations were sent to the nearest friends and relatives.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white French lawn and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Irene Deetz, was gowned in pink dainty and carried carnation pinks.

Frank A. Wood acted as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom withdrew to the dining room where an elegant supper was served. The table appointments were artistically arranged and the table was decorated with carnation pinks. Christmas holly and carnations were used profusely in the decoration of the rooms.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fremont and has many friends. The groom is the only son of Mrs. Wyldick and is well known in Decatur. Tickets were received from many out of town relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fremont will spend a few days out of town and will be at home to their friends at the Woman's club building after January 20.

Snyder-Beery.

Bert E. Snyder and Miss Ella Beery were married Wednesday evening at the home of Daniel Wedner, uncle of the bride, near Dalton, City. Rev. H. W. Trueblood performed the ceremony which was witnessed by about fifty persons. The bride was gowned in dark green velvet, trimmed in white applique. The groom is a son of Henry Snyder and a salesman for the Hammond Packing company in this city. An affair was given Christmas day at the home of the grooms parents. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder will come to this city to live.

Adkins-Conrow.

William M. Adkins of Monticello and Miss Maude L. Conrow of Decatur were married Wednesday evening at 9:30 o'clock by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, pastor of the First Baptist church at his residence, 554 West Main street. Miss Margaret Roebuck acted as bridesmaid.

The groom is a farmer and the couple will make their home near Monticello.

Meek-Haddock.

Charles A. Meek of Calhoun, Ill., and Miss Mabel Haddock of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haddock were married Wednesday afternoon by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, at his residence, 554 West Decatur street. The couple were attended by C. W. Haddock, brother of the bride, and Miss Nellie Draper. The groom is employed on the Wabash.

Durge-Leonardo.

The marriage of Miss Marie Leonardo and Oscar Durgo of New York, occurred Thursday night in Washington D. C. at 8 o'clock. They left this morning for New York where they will make their home. The bride is a sister of Mrs. K. L. Cassell and formerly lived here. She has many friends in this city and a number of telegrams of congratulation and regrets were sent from here.

Miss Blanche Rouleau Married.

Miss Blanche Rouleau, the oldest and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rouleau, was joined in wedlock Wednesday evening in Lincoln to Mr. August Rohner, who is employed in the W. W. Snyder tailor shop. Mr. and Mrs. Rohner have the best wishes of a large circle of friends. They will not go to housekeeping for the present.—Lincoln Courier.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moffett at their home 645 Spring avenue gave a four o'clock dinner party on Christmas day to about twenty relatives and friends. A sumptuous feast was spread including everything good to eat that the market affords. After the feast the company enjoyed a delightful time socially.

Miss Pearl Gebhart and her brother Jess entertained a number of their friends to a Christmas party yesterday evening at their home in the Gebhart block. The evening was spent in games and music. Jess Gebhart gave several selections on the phonograph. Refreshments were served and each guest was presented with a beautiful souvenir. Every one had a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deetz entertained a number of their friends and relatives at a Christmas dinner. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Deetz, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Deetz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and family, Mr. Emery and Charley Ward and Mr. Maynes of Bluffs.

Played For Prisoners.

Jess Gebhart gave a phonograph entertainment to the prisoners at the county jail Christmas morning. It was a great treat to the prisoners and was greatly enjoyed by them. It was the first entertainment of such a nature ever given at the jail.

THE CAT AND MR. REED.

Ex-Speaker's Feline Namesake Caused Trouble.

The late Thomas B. Reed enjoyed a joke on no one more than on himself; yet, for the simple reason that it has not attained publicity in print, it is doubtful whether he ever told one which is related by a brilliant Washington society woman, who enjoyed his personal friendship when he was speaker of the house.

After all, the joke was chiefly on the lady, which may be the reason why she and not Mr. Reed was the narrator. She is a cat enthusiast. Many and beautiful are the cats she owns; grave and reverend are their names, chiefly borrowed from eminent public personages, but none was more handsome or dignified than the one she had named "Mr. Reed."

When one day the two "Mr. Reeds" accidentally met in her reception room and the more illustrious of them, attracted by the beauty of his furry namesake, stooped to stroke him and ask "What do you call him?" the hostess had a bad quarter of a minute.

She did not know just how the czar of the house of representatives would like the idea that a cat had been named for him. So she stumbled out a hastily invented fictitious name, and the conversation passed to other topics, when suddenly a peremptory voice sounded on the stairway—"Mr. Reed!"

"Mr. Reed!" it continued. "Are you in the parlor? What are you doing in that parlor?" Before an explanation could be made a white-capped head was thrust in the doorway and an angry-looking maid servant cried: "Come out of that parlor, I tell you, Mr. Reed!"

It is not on record that the cat seemed embarrassed.—Philadelphia Press.

Division.

"You allow no beer in the house?"

"No; my wife and I never drink anything but wine and water."

"In what proportion do you take it?"

"I drink the wine and my wife drinks the water."—Punch.

He Knew.

Reverend Visitor—Tommy, what does the story of Jonah and the whale illustrate?

Tommy (whose father is a politician)—That it's hard to keep a good man down.

No Ida Tarbell Chair.

There will be no Ida Tarbell chair of history in any university if it depends upon Mr. Rockefeller to establish it.—Chicago Tribune.

Take a look at the Herald's money jar in John E. King's window, then subscribe for the Herald and get it.

AN ANN ARBOR PARROT.

He Knew and Appreciated Real Singing When He Heard It.

Some years ago, a parrot named Apollo used to hang in his cage on a porch facing Washington street, near the First Methodist church in Ann Arbor. As he swung there, it was his especial delight to hear a snatch of some familiar air, when he would take up the strain and repeat it without a second's hesitation. Of course, he soon made numerous friends by this social habit and many who passed daily along that part of Washington street learned to greet 'Pollo with a line of some popular tune, just for the pleasure of hearing his quick repetition of it in a very musical whistle.

Although he was a remarkably vivacious and social bird, up to the first summer that he swung on that particular porch he had done nothing to distinguish himself. Two young women roomed at the house where the parrot lived, both college girls; one of them, a particularly winning little lady, was somewhat sensitive regarding her ability to "carry a tune." In reality she could not hum the simplest air so that her listeners could be certain just what she was attempting. She did not fully realize this, herself, although she knew something of her falling, and it was a subject which her friends usually avoided in her presence.

One morning she came downstairs and stopped to take a look at 'Pollo before going out to breakfast. She found her roommate and several members of the household enjoying the sun on the steps. As she caught sight of the parrot's gay plumage, she exclaimed: "Why, I haven't heard 'Pollo whistle this morning!"

"Sing something for him," said her friend.

"What shall I sing?" asked Miss Jennie.

"Oh, sing 'After the Ball,' or any tune you want to."

So Miss Jennie, in the innocence of her heart, attempted a line of "After the Ball." 'Pollo, instead of instantly whistling the tune, slowly raised an angular claw, gravely scratched his roseate head, and asked:

"W-h-a-t's that?"

"Why, 'Pollo!' said his anxious mistress. "Whistle it. It's 'After the Ball.'"

She still hoped that he would repeat it and so redeem the situation, but he only wagged his inky toes across his ear and drawled:

"Is t-h-a-t so?"

It was useless to try to carry politeness further. Miss Jennie fled the scene with screams of laughter ringing in her ears, and it was long before she again approached Mr. 'Pollo on the subject of whistling.—Detroit Free Press.

WHAT THE BISHOP SAID.

Last Bottle of Wine Fell Overboard On a Fishing Trip and—

An Episcopal cleric now in New York attending the services incident to the observance of Advent yesterday added another to the many stories told of that kindly man, the late Bishop Williams, who prior to his death in Middletown, Conn., a year or two ago, was accorded the unwritten title of prelate of America of the Protestant Episcopal church.

"Bishop Williams, whose charities were as well known as his humor, loved a good dinner and was not averse to a bottle of good wine for his stomach's sake as an accompaniment," said the clergymen.

"On one occasion he was invited by a friend of occasional tastes to go on a fishing trip. A single bottle of generous size was added to the luncheon hamper by the host. The clouds which covered the sky when the little fishing boat started were dispelled by the sun, which shone hotter and more hot by the time the fishing grounds were reached.

"The bottle of wine, attached to a cord knotted about its neck, was suspended overboard in the water to cool. Now, as every skipper great and small well knows, water is a great loosener of knots.

"Luncheon time found a very thirsty bishop anticipating the cooling draughts from the suspended bottle. With edibles spread upon the small deck the wine was sought, but the host found nothing but the rope's end.

"Bishop, that bottle of wine has sunk to the bottom. If you will pardon me I'll say damn! What do you say?"

"Considering the provocation," said Bishop Williams with a smile, "I think I'll say Amen!"—New York Mail and Express.

Certain of Distinction.

Miss Cutting—I think you will become quite a distinguished man if you live long enough.

Softleigh—Thanks, awfully, doncher know. By the way, what do you—aw—think I will be distinguished for?

Miss Cutting—Longevity.—London Answers.

A Chinese Jest?

The vast concessions which have been granted to British and French companies for the exploitation of petroleum, coal and iron in Szechuan look very big upon paper, but we are almost inclined to regard them as a huge joke worked upon the companies by the Chinese government. Szechuan is at the present time about the most anti-foreign province in China. There it is that the Boxers are openly defying the authorities.—Peking Gazette.

Steamship Arrivals.

Have, Dec. 25—La Touraine from New York.

London—Manitou from New York.

New York—Celtic, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

THE SUPERSTITIOUS NATIVES

In New Hebrides Kill British Captain For Trying to Bring Natives Ashore.

AND ESCAPE WITH BODY

Victoria, B. C. Dec. 25.—The steamer Moana from Australia today brought news of an attack on the recruiting schooner Lilly by natives of Mallicolo, New Hebrides. They murdered Captain Atkinson, a Britisher, and wounded two of the Lilly's crew. The schooner was engaged in taking home natives who had been employed in New Caledonia by French planters. One of those considered to be a Mallicolo died when near there and Atkinson decided to bury the body ashore instead of at sea. When Atkinson landed he was rushed upon and his rifle taken by the blacks. He was then shot and killed with his own rifle. Some of the native crew tried to save the dead captain's body, but the natives who were just landed added those ashore and the crew fled, two of them being wounded as they swam back to the schooner. The attack was the result of superstition attached to burying the dead body, natives deeming it necessary to kill whites to prevent further deaths from occurring among them. The schooner Pearl was attacked on this island a few days later. She called at Espigle Bay, another part of the island to land natives when she was fired upon and several of the native crew were wounded.

OLD FASHIONED AT WASHINGTON

Snow Covers the Ground and Gives Genuine Christmas Appearance.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Snow which began falling late last night gave Washington a genuine Christmas appearance today. Public and private business was practically suspended. Interest centered in the happening at the White House. Early in the morning the President and all members of the family repaired to the library where presents were exchanged. There were a large number of callers and many gifts in the shape of handsome floral pieces were received. At the homes of the cabinet officers the day was quietly observed, while among the embassies and legations elaborate preparations had been made for celebrating.

EMPEROR SCATTERS GOLD

Flock of Christmas Trees in the Imperial Household.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Emperor William spent Christmas in his usual way. His majesty took a walk this afternoon in Sans Souci Park and distributed bright golden pieces fresh from the mint among the gardeners and watchmen.

After dinner at 4 o'clock, Christmas trees were lighted in the shell hall of the new palace. All the children of the imperial family were present and each had his or her own Christmas tree of a size proportionate to the age of that child.

AT SANDRINGHAM.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra Spent Christmas.

London, Dec. 25.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra spent the day at Sandringham, this being the first Christmas their majesties have spent at their favorite residence since their accession.

The royal family attended early service at Sandringham church and the king afterwards personally directed the annual distribution of beef and game to the employees and tenants of Sandringham estate.

DEAD ONE WAKES UP.

And Wants Another Go With Jeff—Sharkey's Delfy.

New York, Dec. 25.—As a sequel to the recent defeat of Champion Jeffries by "Jack" Monroe at Butte, Mont., Tom Sharkey has declared his intention of re-entering the ring, and has issued a challenge to Jeffries or Monroe for any sort of a bout for a side bet of \$1000 to \$5000.

FAMILY BURNED.

Residence Blaze Spread So Rapidly Escape Was Cut Off.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Four persons were burned to death today in the house of Julius King, of Piercefield in the Adirondacks. The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that Mrs. M. J. McGovern, King's eldest daughter and her three children, were not able to get out and all were burned to death. It is not known how the fire started.

Frick Out of Business.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 25.—H. C. Frick denies that he has been offered the presidency of the United States Steel Corporation and says he has retired from active business.

Killed by Mistake.

Madison, Ind., Dec. 25.—Wm. Dormidy, of Indianapolis, was shot and killed on the street tonight by Frank Hellman, who later surrendered himself. It is supposed Hellman mistook Dormidy for another man.

Granted an Increase.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—Twelve thousand employees of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh have been granted a 7 per cent. increase in wages.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY BARGAIN FRIDAY

The Last of the Year 1902.

Christmas crowds have broken up all stocks and next week we begin to invoice. Today (Friday) we have determined that if prices are an object we will make quick clearing out all goods that show the slightest muss or soiling, and in addition to those we will offer winter cloaks, furs, underwear, hosiery, golf gloves and all winter merchandise at prices that will make this last Friday of 1902 a memorable bargain day.

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THE CAB DRIVERS STRIKE

At St. Louis Threatens to Stop Funerals and Social Functions.

MUCH INCONVENIENCE RESULTS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—The cab and carriage drivers strike begun last night for an increase in wages, has extended until now 300 drivers are out. During the day many funerals and social functions were interrupted by the strike. Seventeen funerals took place at which all mourners had to go to the cemeteries in street cars. The hearses were driven by the owners owing to the scarcity of drivers. Liverymen's association are willing to accept wage scale, but not recognize the union.

Thousands of Cattle Starve.

Denver, Col., Dec. 25.—Thousands of cattle are reported starving on the ranges in Northwestern Colorado. In Routte and Rio Grande Counties the cattle are snowed in without pasture or water. It is impossible to get feed to them or drive them into suitable winter quarters.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 25.—A blizzard and zero weather prevailed throughout the upper peninsula today. Traffic of all kinds was suspended.

A Congressman's Story.

Representative Wesley L. Jones of Washington state, says one of the funniest things that happened to him during his campaign was following a stump speech.

"I had concluded my remarks," says Mr. Jones, "and was descending from the platform, when a queer-looking fellow approached me to shake hands.

"Jones," said he, cordially, "I never heard a speaker who could tell such a pack of lies as you can."

"That took me back somewhat, but my friend added, showing that his politics were democratic:

"But, oh, my, Mr. Jones, if we could only have you on our side how we would tear the republicans up the back!"—Washington Post.

A Bad Omen.

Indications are not wanting that there is to be a second crop of licees this year, the trees in the interior having again flowered. As a consequence many wild rumors are in circulation, and pestilence, rebellion and war are foretold. A parallel is pointed to in the case of the Taping rebellion, which was preceded by a double crop of licees. Signs of the times point to a great rebellion in China, and complications between Russia, France, England and Japan are inevitable.—Hong Kong Press.

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The Herald's advice to buy at home was evidently heeded.

The greatest holiday business ever seen in Decatur is the verdict of the tired but contented merchants.

The Illinois State tax rate is 40 cts. Last year it was 50. This is the kind of state administration the taxpayers enjoy.

President Roosevelt found a large request to arbitrate the Venezuela war in his Christmas stocking. Santa Claus might have brought him a more desirable present.

Christmas day was cold enough to suit the most fastidious. A dash of snow would have added to the enjoyment of those who like the tinkling bells.

If many of the baseball men who are being signed would sign the pledge to abstain from booze and keep it there would be some rare sport on the diamond next summer.

An exchange says that the men who decry the donations of Rockefeller, Frick and Carnegie never gave more than a nickel to any charity and the chances are they were drunk when they opened their hearts to that extent.

The elopement of the Crown Princess of Saxony with an American dentist shows that there are things rotten somewhere else besides Denmark. The European courts are about as socially corrupt as it is possible for respectable (?) people to be.

The Springfield News is loudly for Sherman for speaker. The News has been peculiarly unfortunate. It was the Times organ until after he was elected. Then it quarreled with the governor and has since been outside the breast works on almost everything. Still the News is a good newspaper.

At Danville, Ky., triplets came to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hall as a Christmas gift. Less than eighteen months ago twins were born to the same parents. There are surely obeying the scripture to multiply and replenish the earth. Five children in a year and a half is a pretty fair start toward a family.

Springfield is almost bankrupt. One of the daily papers published in that city says that "The present condition of Springfield's finance is such that the city must make a change in the management of its municipal affairs as soon as possible. And business reasons should guide the city in its action." Decatur on the other hand is almost entirely free from debt.

The political chess board will be moved to Springfield in a few days. Chicago has been the place where one set of men spent their time and gray matter in endeavoring to checkmate another. The speaking matter being virtually settled and the election of a U. S. Senator merely a matter of casting a ballot, political activities will run to other and minor matters.

J. Pierpont Morgan has troubles of his own. A tenant has sued him for \$250. Morgan agreed to furnish heat but owing to the scarcity of coal did not do so. The tenant bought the coal and now brings suit for the coal and damages. Other tenants propose to do likewise. What is the use to be the dollar king if one plain tenant can sue him?

At last our evening neighbor has discovered that Green River Asphalt will bear watching. The Herald has called attention to the evident deficiencies of this work for weeks. Each time the democratic twilight organ has found some plausible excuse and some apology for faults which were apparent to everyone else. The fact that a large taxpayer felt compelled to go into court to protect his rights did not serve

to bring light. On the eve of the glorious Christmas season the truth at last becomes known and our neighbor thinks some reasonable question may be raised of the sufficiency of the asphalt re-surfacing.

The Peoria Star thinks that it is a great compliment to President Roosevelt that the European powers should indicate their preference for him as an arbitrator in the Venezuela trouble when a court for the settlement of these very cases is in existence at The Hague. It shows that the powers that be fully appreciate the strong qualities of the president, his love of justice, his ability to deal with great questions of state, his courage, his fairness and feeling that any matter entrusted to him will be faithfully performed. No stronger compliment, no higher compliment could possibly be paid President Roosevelt than this.

Unless some untoward circumstance interferes he will be nominated by the republican party by acclamation. Thus far there is hardly a cloud upon his political sky. Heretofore vice-presidential chair by the death of their chief have not been successful in securing a nomination. They have usually emphasized all the faults of their predecessor and none of their virtues, but Mr. Roosevelt has skillfully avoided all pitfalls that were dug for him, and has made a very strong, popular and economical administration. He has disappointed his enemies and astonished his friends.

AFTER OUR BILLY.
Ben Tillman of South Carolina had his fighting clothes on when the bill providing for the compensation and the payment of the members of the anthracite coal strike commission was brought up by Senator Allison, says the Washington Times. He wanted to know if the coal barons of Pennsylvania were mining coal now according to law, and if they were not, whether there was any way they could be compelled to do so. The question was addressed to Senator Allison, who answered that he was not especially familiar with the statutes of Pennsylvania.

"Then I ask any one on the republican side of the house," answered Senator Tillman. There was silence for a few moments, which provoked scathing arraignment from the South Carolina Senator. This brought Senator Mason to his feet, who told of a bill which he had prepared by which the courts are given the power to regulate the mining of coal and prevent the mines from long remaining idle.

"I can understand the position taken by the Senator from Illinois," answered Mr. Tillman, "but I would hardly consider him a member of the republican side. He is too near an 'ex' to have the same fear of answering my question which I believe prompts the great majority."

THE TRUE TEST.
Fraud is Substitution—sometimes Substitution is Fraud—nearly every time. When you enter a store to purchase an article well advertised, well known, and the dealer sells you instead, something which he says is "just as good," he practices substitution and that, you know, is nearly always fraud. The unscrupulous dealer will tell you that if you buy the article for which you ask, you have to pay a higher price for it because it is advertised, than you would if it were not advertised. How ridiculous!

You never pay the expenses of advertising an article. The advertiser always does that. For example, if John Smith should open a store for the purpose of selling the White Oak brand of shoes which he manufactures and should sell 6,000 pairs the first year with a profit of 50 cents on each pair, obviously his profit would be \$3,000. In case, during the second year, he should spend \$600 in advertising these shoes, the chances are that he would sell 11,000 pairs. His gross profit on the shoes would be \$5,500 from which he has to deduct the \$600 spent for advertising, leaving a net profit of \$4,900. This is the result when a man advertises. This is why the merchant or manufacturer can afford to advertise, and it is ridiculous, therefore, for a dealer to tell a customer that when over an article is extensively advertised, the customer has to pay a higher price for it.

An article which has been advertised for some time is bound to have merit because it does not pay to advertise any article of general use for a short time only. Every advertiser must wait for some time before his advertising has created the desired impression. While he is waiting his goods must have time to prove whether or not they

are good. If they are good, they sell; if not, they do not. If they were not good and did not sell, it would be folly to continue to spend good money advertising them.

Whenever you buy anything, buy it right. Be sure that it is of a brand or make well known and advertised. That is the right way and the safe way.

IN FIRST CONSCIOUS MOMENTS.
Did Not Think He Had His Own Feet.

Railroad accidents, so fruitful of tragic incidents, are also occasionally pre-occure of bits of humor, although it is not often that the humor finds a place in the newspaper reports of the accident.

One amusing incident is reported by a woman, to whose care a young man had been entrusted after he had been badly hurt in a collision. He was unconscious when he was carried to her house, and did not open his eyes or speak for some time.

His first conscious moments were evidently full of bewilderment. He looked all about the room, and finally let his eyes rest upon his bandaged feet. He looked at them long and carefully. A puzzled frown slowly gathered on his face. With a feeble finger he pointed toward the foot of the bed. "Those are not my feet," he said. "My feet had russet shoes on them."—Youth's Companion.

RELIC OF OLD ROAD.
Odd Restriction Placed on Management by Charter.

In April, 1880, the legislature of the state of New York passed an act to incorporate the Canajoharie and Catskill Railroad company. This was one of the first in the state, but it was a railroad mostly in imagination, as only twenty-two miles were ever constructed.

It went to Coopersburg, its western terminus. It ran for two seasons. Then a bridge broke down, killing one man and injuring several others. This was the end of the enterprise. From that time it went down to ruin, but even at the present day some of the remains of this old road are found along its line.

The old strap rail is now and then discovered, and some of the oak sleepers are as sound as they ever were, and some of the roadbed is just the same as when first made. In the charter were some peculiar restrictions. They were not to exceed 20 miles an hour; they were to slow down at crossings to five miles per hour and stop 15 minutes at all stations.—Utica Press.

Long Record in Parliament.
Sir Maurice O'Rourke, the defeated speaker of the New Zealand house of representatives, was born in the west of Ireland 72 years ago and half a century has passed since he went out to try his luck on the Australian gold fields, after graduation at Trinity college, Dublin. How much of the precious metal he dug up is not precisely known, but 1854 found him in New Zealand training for the local bar. Seven years later he made his way into parliament and has been there ever since, most of the time as minister and speaker.

MEN CAUGHT CATTLE DISEASE.
Veterinarians Have Foot and Mouth Affliction.

Henry F. Turner, state cattle commissioner, and John P. Pollard, state veterinarian, who have been working to stamp out the foot and mouth epidemic prevalent in the east, have been attacked by the disease.

Large blisters have appeared on their tongues and other symptoms have been observed. Neither patient is confined to his home, and both are believed to be out of danger.

They had been working hard during the past three weeks, co-operating with Dr. E. L. Volgenan, agent of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry.

Several herds of cattle have been killed and buried. Prices of milk, beef and pork have advanced within the past month, owing to the havoc caused by the plague, which, the officials say today, is on the wane.

USUAL NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM.
Will Be Observed at the Governor's Mansion.

New Year's amenities will be observed at the executive mansion next week as usual. A telegram was received today by Col. John Oglesby, secretary to the governor, from Governor Yates, announcing that it was the intention of the executive to hold the usual New Year's reception for state officials and employees and officers of the Illinois National Guard. The hours will be from 10 to 12 o'clock in the morning. Members of the governor's military staff from all over the state will come to the city on that day, and will call in a body at the mansion, in full dress uniform to pay their respects to their commander in chief and his wife. It has not been announced yet whether Mrs. Yates will receive at the mansion in the afternoon, but it is expected that no formal matinee will be arranged.

Had Bunions on Her Kismet.
Street Cleaning Commissioner Paul Iglehart came back to the city hall this week from a gunning trip in Anne Arundel county and brought with him a supply of new stories told in the historic old South River club.

The one that particularly took Mr. Iglehart's fancy was that of the Irish servant girl who one day asked her mistress what was the meaning of the word "kismet." After thinking a little while, the mistress said:

"Why, Bridget, it is another name for fate."

A day or so afterward the mistress discovered Bridget hobbling down the stairs, evidently in great pain and walking very lame.

"Why, what on earth is the matter with you?" she asked.

"Oh, sure, ma'am," was the reply. "I've got bunions on my kismet."—Baltimore Sun.

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A Timely Suggestion.
This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be ward off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by all druggists.

\$110 Per Acre.
The farm belonging to the M. Long estate, situated northeast of the city, was sold at public auction last Saturday by Master-in-Chancery J. M. Walker. John Long, son of the late M. Long bought the place at \$110 per acre. The farm is a good one and Mr. Long no doubt got the worth of his money.—Arcola Herald.

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It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

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It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

Good Judges.
A Boston settlement worker finds the people of the tenements excellent judges of real literature. Moliere knew that a few centuries ago and always tested his comedies by their effect upon the uneducated.

For a Bad Cold.
If you have a bad cold you need a good reliable medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to loosen and relieve it, and to allay the irritation and inflammation of the throat and lungs. For sale by all druggists.

A Beggars' Journal.
Paris has a "Beggars' Journal," price 4 cents. The mendicants buy it to learn dates and locations of approaching weddings, baptisms, funerals and the like where they stand a chance to pick up an "honest penny."

An Honest Statement.
Mr. William Acton of 212 Fourth street, Lincoln, Ill., says: "Our daughter, aged 16, was suffering with a severe cough and cold on her lungs. Common remedies seemed to afford no relief and myself and her mother feared pneumonia or consumption. She began taking Harris' Honey and Horehound and in less than two weeks was entirely cured. We always recommend Harris' Honey and Horehound to any one suffering with a deep seated cough or cold. Sold by all druggists."

To Prevent Disease.
Spain is considering a law to prohibit marriage between persons liable to transmit disease in their offspring. Progressive Young America may well imitate retrogressive Spain in this.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seltz, of Detroit, Mich., says: "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by all druggists. Every box warranted.

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We are headquarters for Furs—all kinds of Fur Coats, Capes, Scarfs and Muffs.

Alaska Seal Coats, 24 inches long, \$135.
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Cluster Neck Scarfs—natural fur, not dyed—\$1.50 to \$75 each.
Black Marten Cluster Scarfs, trimmed with six tails, \$5 each.

Mink Cluster Scarfs, trimmed with six tails, \$8.50 each.
Sable Fox Scarfs, 30 inches long, with brush ends, \$8.50 each.
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Six special items worth your attention.

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\$5.00 Silk Petticoats, a fine array of black and colors. Better Silk Petticoats at \$5.50 and up to \$15.

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HERBERT MOVES

Former Wabash Trainmaster Leaves D. & R. G. Manager's office for Colorado Southern.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FUTURE.

Increase for the Car Shopmen—General News of the Railways.

Thursday the St. Louis Republic contained the following announcement which is a measure of some surprise to the railroad friends of J. M. Herbert: "J. M. Herbert, manager of the Denver and Rio Grande, the Rio Grande Southern and Rio Grande Western railroads of the Gould Rocky Mountain system, has resigned, and yesterday Russell Harding, vice president and general manager of these roads and of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain, announced that Mr. Herbert would be succeeded by J. A. Edson, general manager of the Kansas City Southern.

"The official notice reads that Mr. Herbert has resigned to accept service with another road.

"Mr. Herbert has for some time been one of the Gould managers, and is known for his ability. Job Adolphus Edson has at various times been connected with the Gould roads, formerly as vice president and as superintendent on the Cotton Belt.

"The change becomes effective January 1."

To some of the railroad men recent events on the D. & R. G. have overshadowed the event noted here in the Herald of Sunday last was an article taken from a Pueblo paper in which the fact was related that John J. Cotter, superintendent of the Alamosa division of that road and James Gogerty, superintendent of terminals at Pueblo had resigned and said that there had been internal dissensions in the management which had resulted in the changes. At that time while not a few of the Decatur railroad men who were intimately acquainted with all of the men concerned were willing to believe that such a guess might be the correct one none of them suspected that there would be any change in the manager's office.

It is said that Mr. Herbert will accept the position of general manager of the Colorado Southern road. The mileage of the latter road is a trifle over 1100. The D. & R. G. has a total mileage of nearly 1800 miles.

Of course when there were so many Decatur Wabash men intimately connected with Mr. Herbert on the D. & R. G. the question naturally arises as to what will become of them in the general shape up that is likely to follow a change in management.

Hot Air.
Thursday a St. Louis paper contained the following: "The Wabash will put on a five hour train between St. Louis and Chicago. It is reported. The distance is 286 miles, and the train would have to maintain an average speed of 57.2 miles an hour the entire distance to make the time.

"This evidently would be the fastest train in America.

"There is an agreement of which all the St. Louis-Chicago roads are members providing for a schedule not faster than eight hours between the two cities. The Illinois Central and the Alton have unofficially announced that the World's Fair may find some six hour trains between St. Louis and Chicago. If the roads break the agreement the time to the east may soon be materially shortened."

That sort of a story looks not a little like hot air. In the course of a year or two perhaps it will be possible for the Wabash to have a five hour

schedule between St. Louis and Chicago, but it is almost beyond possibility at the present time. For several months there has been much work on the Wabash between Chicago and Decatur, cutting grades and eliminating curves, but the improvements have not yet been pushed to that point where it will be possible to maintain such a schedule as is indicated by the St. Louis paper. There remains much work to be done on that end of the road such a schedule could be safely maintained day after day. There must be more grade crossings abolished and more curves cut out and grades reduced. Some day when the overhead crossing at the intersection of the Illinois Central trains in Monticello is built and a few improvements of that kind are made, it will be possible, perhaps, to maintain such a schedule. That may be the ultimate intention for it is known that the management of the company considers an overhead crossing at Monticello. In order to maintain a five hour schedule between Chicago and St. Louis every minute would count and railroad crossings present such a wonderful opportunity for provoking and prolonged delays that they must be given much consideration. At present five hours is the fastest time between Chicago and Decatur, and St. Louis is full two hours beyond Decatur.

Increase Announced.

The promised increase for employees in the car department of the Wabash shops was received on Christmas morning. President Ramsey said that when the pay of the men in the car department of the Wabash was compared with the pay of employees in the same department on other roads, he was of the opinion that no increase was due because the Wabash shop men are getting as much as the same class of labor on other roads. In view of the fact that the shop men in the machinery department had been given an increase he had concluded to give all of the shop men an increase of one cent per hour. That will apply to both the skilled and unskilled labor. At present the schedule of pay ranges from 14 to 28 cents per hour. The increase will date back to October 1.

Slow Movement

The high wind and low temperature Thursday made the movement of trains slow. The tonnage of the freight trains was reduced to meet the severe conditions but even then the movement of all trains was slow.

A Holiday.

All of the Wabash switch tenders were taking a holiday on Thursday. Ed Vasconcellos, Paul Fraser and Andrew Curran were all enjoying the day.

Fell From Engine.

At Philo Thursday morning Fireman Walter Romick on Wabash train No. 3 fell from the gangway of his engine and injured his hip and dislocated his wrist. A company surgeon at Philo dressed his injuries and on his arrival at Decatur Romick was put in a carriage and taken to his home under the care of Dr. Farrish.

Charles Hardy of the Wabash yard force, accompanied by his wife, is in Litchfield to visit for a few days.

Fireman H. D. Deardorff of the Wabash is ill.

Engineer Campbell of the Wabash is on the passenger runs west of Decatur during the absence of Engineer Eaton.

Engineer T. Welsh has gone to Decatur to work a few days during the illness of Engineer Tom Burns.

Engineer James Ewing of Wabash engine 712 is ill and confined to his home.

Fireman Lou Hays of the Wabash passenger service is ill.

Engineer Andy Johann of Wabash engine 718 is taking a vacation.

John Cotter, formerly division superintendent on the D. & R. G. accompanied by his wife is in Bloomington visiting relatives.

The date of the year would have been recognized yesterday by a glance at the extra fireman's board at the Wabash round house. On Tuesday there were twenty firemen ready for service. Yesterday afternoon there were three. The regulars were suffering with all kinds of sickness and nothing less than a day's vacation would save their lives.

NOBODY IS EXEMPT.

A New Preparation Which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later.

Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the commonest thing they do for it is to take some one of the many so-called blood purifiers, which in many cases are merely strong cathartics. Such things are not needed. If the organs are in a clogged condition, they need only a little help and they will right themselves. Cathartics irritate the sensitive linings of the stomach and bowels and often do more harm than good.

Purging is not what is needed. The thing to do is to put the food in condition to be readily digested and assimilated. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do this perfectly. They partly digest what is eaten and give the stomach just the help it needs. They stimulate the secretion and excretion of the digestive fluids and relieve the congested condition of the glands and membranes. They put the whole digestive system in condition to do its work. When that is done you need take no more tablets, unless you eat what does not agree with you. Then take one or two tablets—give them needed help and you will have no trouble.

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We have testimonials enough to fill a book, but we don't publish many of them. However—Mrs. E. M. Faith of Byrd's Creek, Wis., says:

"I have taken all the Tablets I got of you and they have done their work well in my case. For I feel like a different person altogether. I don't doubt if I had not got them I should have been at rest by this time."

H. E. Willard, Onslow, Ia., says: "Mr. White of Canton was telling me of your Dyspepsia Tablets curing him of dyspepsia from which he suffered for eight years. As I am a sufferer myself I wish you to send me a package by return mail."

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It will cost 50c to find out just how much Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will help you. Try them—that's the best way to decide.

KANSAS STATE NORMAL.

Report of the Board of Regents to the Governor.

The Thirtieth biennial report of the regents of the Kansas State Normal makes reference to two gentlemen who are well known in Decatur.

At the close of the year 1900-'01, President A. R. Taylor, who had for nineteen years so efficiently served this board and the state, who had done so much for the cause of education in advancing the standards of this institution, resigned, to accept the presidency of James Millikin University, Decatur, Ill. He considered the election there as a call to a duty toward his church, rather than as an opportunity for an increase of salary. We record it as our opinion that his value here would have warranted our meeting the advance in salary, if he could have been thus retained. Vice-pres. J. N. Wilkinson, who stood next to President Taylor, not only in rank, but in length of service, was chosen his successor, and Mr. J. H. Hill, a graduate of the institution, and next in term of service, was made vice-president. Supt. J. H. Grottel, of Atchison, was elected to succeed President Wilkinson as director of the training department.

HANDSOMELY REMEMBERED.

Waiter Girls at the St. Nicholas Hotel Given a Good Tip.

The waiter girls at the St. Nicholas were handsomely remembered last night by the guests of that popular hotel.

J. D. Morris, proprietor of the cigar stand in the hotel office, engineered the plan and made up a subscription list among the guests which was afterwards divided equally among the seven waiters, so that each one received about seven dollars. The presentation was made by Mr. Morris and with the cash he gave each recipient a list of the names of the persons who contributed to the purse. It is needless to say that the recipients were delighted and voted the cigar man a trump for the work he did in their behalf but it was really easy for all of the guests contributed willingly.

To Aid Commerce.

The Austrian navy is being used as an aid to commerce. One of the vessels is visiting the ports of Africa and South America in order to study their trade conditions. Reports will be made to the government with the ulterior object of increasing Austrian exports.

NATIONAL GUARD

Biennial Report of the Adjutant General Submitted to Governor Yates.

MONTHLY ALLOWANCE REPORT.

For Officers for Clothing and Other Expense.

The biennial report of the adjutant-general has been completed and submitted to Gov. Yates. The report gives a detailed statement of the strength of the Illinois National Guard, its equipment and the like, and makes recommendations, which Adjutant-General Smith believes will add to the efficiency of the service.

After detailing the various branches of the service, and speaking in a general way of the equipment of each, the adjutant-general calls attention to the fact that while the arms with which the troops are equipped are fully serviceable for immediate use, the belts, haversacks and canteens, are badly worn from long service and should be replaced and new uniforms are badly needed.

Some of the troops have drilled and attended encampments in the same suits for three years and the adjutant-general thinks the men should have new uniforms at once. In the same connection he speaks of the appearance of the officers of the militia and says "The officers of the National Guard uniform themselves at their own expense, and as many of them cannot afford to replace their clothing frequently they do not always have the appearance of neatness and cleanliness desired; nor would it seem just for this department to censure these officers as would be done if the state furnished the clothing and equipment for its officers."

Allow Money for Clothes.

Gen. Smith suggests that the state should allow a stated sum, say \$12 per month, to officers for the purchase of arms, text books and clothing required in the discharge of their duties. "It appears highly unjust," says the adjutant-general, "to expect these men to give not only their time and abilities, but their money to services to their state without some remuneration in the way of supplying their arms, books and uniforms."

Lose Much Property.

The report speaks of the difficulties with which the office is confronted in the matter of accounting for property. It is difficult for the officers to impress on the soldier that articles of clothing and equipment which are no longer serviceable may not be thrown away, but must be turned in. Then, too, new officers are careless about the matter of receiving for property and their delinquency in this respect is responsible for many of the boards of survey which are called to examine into the losses of state property. It is urged that the men be impressed with the fact that the bonded officer is held accountable and will have to pay for every article of public property issued to him for the use of his men if he fails to return or properly account for.

Improvements for Camp Lincoln.

The report speaks of the past two annual encampments and renews the recommendations for the improvements at Camp Lincoln. These include a cemented floor and sewage system near the mess tents, the filling of the pool on the rifle range, and the erection of a permanent guard house. In speaking of the work on the rifle ranges, the adjutant-general compliments the general inspector and his assistants and says:

Rifle Practice.
"The First brigade and First cavalry have been afforded exceptional opportunity this year to advance their standing as efficient marksmen, and from the reports of the range officers, these commands have profited greatly by the opportunity thus given them. The artillery battalion has never enjoyed using its field pieces for target practice until this year, and the commanding officer reports that the season's work is the most beneficial the battalion ever had. A number of new ranges have been opened at company stations in various parts of the state, some because of the appropriation made for this purpose by the last general assembly, and some by private enterprise. The increased facilities afforded the troops on account of these new ranges have proven of great benefit to the service."

The Eldorado Trouble.
A detailed report of the service performed by the guard in protecting the colored people at Eldorado is given and the following comment concerning the matter is made.

"Had the mayor of Eldorado or sheriff of Saline county done their duty promptly and fearlessly in the first instance by arresting and punishing the rock throwers, all late troubles might have been avoided, peace might have been maintained and the good name of the city and county might have been spared the odium which has since attached itself to them as being a lawless and unsafe community."

Complete War Record.

The announcement is made that the roster of the Illinois Volunteers in the Spanish-American war is complete and it has been sent to the state printer. It will make five volumes of 700 pages each and will be the most complete war record ever attempted, as it gives all the details of the service of each enlisted man. This department has recently caused to be

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revised and corrected the records of the soldiers of the civil war, and they are now regarded as nearly accurate as it will be possible to make them. It is suggested that the general assembly should make provision for steel filing racks to protect the state's war records from fire.

The report closes with a word of praise for Assistant-General Ewart and the office force for the work they have done in the past two years.

A Missouri Toast.

So Col. Bryan nominates Hon. William Joel Stone of Missouri for chairman of the national democratic committee in succession to Hon. Round Cottonbale Trust Jones. This proposal seems ungrateful to Jones and it recalls a famous saying of Col. Moses Cincinnatus Wetmore, who has hunted trusts and rabbits with Col. Bryan. At a democratic dinner where Col. Mose was toastmaster, an admirer of Gov. Stone jumped up and said he wished to give an unusual toast, "Tombstones and Epitaphs." "I want William J. Stone," the maker of the strange toast went on to say, "to have the finest tombstone in Missouri. He deserves it, and—" the stream of speech stopped. "And, and," dribbled the orator, feebly. "And the sooner the better," yelled Col. Mose, who is not slower than cold molasses.—New York Sun.

CLERICAL ERROR

May Result in Keeping Bigamist Preacher in Prison.

A special dispatch from Lincoln says: A clerical error in the commutation of the Rev. Rowland P. Hills, bigamist, will prevent his getting his liberty until April, 1904.

A mistake of one year was made in calculations. It is probable Gov. Sayre will not shorten the sentence. Hills had arranged to marry his second wife at Blair when released. He was pardoned yesterday on the supposition that his term ended April 1903.

Some Christmas Presents.

For Carrie Nation—A magnum.
For T. C. Platt—A back seat.
For Seth Low—A fine pound box of personal magnetism.

For Grover—A platform.
For Parkhurst—The game of leap-frog.

For John W. Gates—A set of diamond chrysanthemums for shirt studs.
For John D. Rockefeller—An oil can.

For David B. Hill—A gallon of embalming fluid.
For Hall Calne—A deaf and dumb alphabet.

For Chauncey—A bottle of paragonic.
For Bishop Potter—Reveries of a bachelor.

For Teddy—Words and Music of "How can I bear to Leave Thee?"
For J. P. Morgan—The Customhouse.

For Uncle Sam—Canada.
For Charles Frohman—But he makes his own presents.

For Charles Schwab—A suitable home.
For Joe Chamberlain—A new war.

For Hetty Green—A money rack.
For Lillian Russell—Another.—The New Yorker.

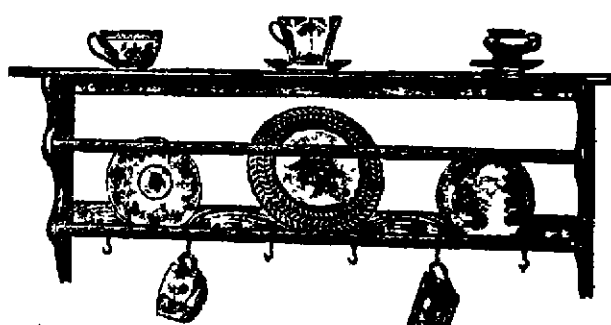
Look the Price.
Although there is something like a hundred boxes of Kentucky and Missouri whisky at the Vandavia depot only two boxes were taken out last week. We hope this is an indication that the boys are swearing off and that they will stay sworn off.—Livingston Reporter.

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(From the Chicago Journal.)
SUCCESS BRINGS IMITATORS.

Goat Lymph Sanitarium Association Compelled to Repudiate Alleged Branches in Chicago.

"This institution has no branch offices of any kind in the city of Chicago, and no connection with any individual or firm or concern that claims to administer the lymph treatment. Neither have we any special agents authorized to represent us in this city. We have only one set of offices here, and these are in Suite 27, Auditorium building."

It was in these strong, plain words that an official of the Goat Lymph Sanitarium Association to-day repudiated efforts that are being made to mislead people in the matter of so-called branch institutions. There is only one Goat Lymph Sanitarium Association in Chicago, and its success in the treatment of a certain group of diseases has been so great that it is not surprising that imitators are springing up. This is an injustice, not only to the physicians who conduct the institution in the Auditorium building, but to people who are seeking a cure for their ills, as it is a recognized and responsible concern, where patients are sure to be treated with the original lymph serum that has made so many remarkable cures in nervous prostration, mental breakdowns, locomotor ataxia, epilepsy, paralysis, neurasthenia, premature old age, and many other distressing ailments. Many prominent people have been treated there, and their testimony is universally favorable.

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J. S. McLELLAND

Died Thursday Afternoon at His Home on West Mason Street After Illness of a Month.

WIDELY KNOWN IN DECATUR

Prominent in Local Masonic Circles—Funeral on Sunday.

J. S. McClelland died of pneumonia at his residence, 524 West Mason street, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He had been ill for one month to a day and while he at times showed temporary improvement, which gave hope to his family and friends that his remarkable constitution and well-garnished strength would carry him past the crisis of the disease, it has been known for the past week that his death was but a question of days.

Mr. McClelland was of Scotch parents and was born in the north of Ireland. He was about 72 years of age. He came to Illinois about 1866, settling first at Fowler, and removing to this city in 1875, where he made his home until his death. For many years he followed the occupation of a traveling salesman, representing the Standard Oil company on the road. He is survived by his wife, Mary A. McClelland, to whom he was married in Philadelphia, August 7, 1862, C. T. McClelland, and W. H. McClelland of Nampa, Idaho, and Miss Margaretta P. McClelland of this city.

Mr. McClelland was the oldest of five brothers. They are Dr. Cochran McClelland of Philadelphia, Robert McClelland of Omaha, Neb., Dr. Thomas McClelland of Galesburg, Ill., president of Knox college and William McClelland of Republic City, Neb.

Mr. McClelland was a staunch republican in politics but never aspired to or held an elective office. Eight years ago he was appointed to the position of overseer of the poor in this township and was holding that position when seized with his last illness. In the discharge of the duties of that important position he showed rare tact and good judgment. Although a man of kindly, sympathetic nature he had learned to discriminate between the worthy and the unworthy and had reduced the giving of public aid to a system. His work has always been of the most satisfactory character to the board of supervisors, which fact is amply attested by his long retention in office.

During the war he enlisted in the Union army as a member of the Sixth Pennsylvania cavalry, which became a part of the Army of the Potomac and during the four years' fighting he saw hard and dangerous service. His record as a soldier is without a blemish, stamping him not only as a man of patriotism but one of unquestioned courage.

The decedent was especially well known in Masonic circles of this city and county. For a long period of years he had been identified with the fraternity and for over thirty years was a member of the Grand lodge. He was secretary of Ionic lodge 312, a member of Macon Chapter No. 21 R. A. M., and of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar. For several years past he has been one of the four stewards of the Grand lodge and at the recent session when these four officers were installed, Mr. McClelland was the youngest of the quartet. His Masonic acquaintance was large, he being quite well known throughout the state.

In all of his relations in life Mr. McClelland established for himself a reputation for honesty and integrity. In his intercourse with men he was a genial and wholesome gentleman. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church, and the funeral services will be held from that church on Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. The services will be conducted by the Masons.

Denz.
The infant child of Will Denz living three miles southwest of Decatur, died of spinal meningitis on Tuesday night.

At The Grand.
A large number of persons braved the weather last night that they might round out the Christmas holiday at the opera house and witness the presentation of the "Fatal Wedding."

The play was well put on even if there was in the drift of the thing a lot of stuff that was not of a high order. The villain and the "villainess" were almost too much so. There was a child actress too. Ordinarily child actors come on the stage with the same sing-song tone and parrot-like repeat their lines until the audience wishes something would happen to give relief. But Lillian Rosewood, the child who is with the Fatal Wedding company, is far above the average and she was deservedly a favorite with the audience.

New Cotton.
On exhibition in Secretary Wilson's office is a new species of cotton, being a hybrid of the sea island and Egyptian growth. Its fiber was brought from Columbia, S. C., to Washington last October by H. J. Weber, in charge of the plant-breeding laboratory, who says that its one great advantage over other cottons is that it produces heavier and will yield more material to the acre than perhaps any other cotton known. It is a fine specimen and is creating much attention.

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PERSONALS

Lou Race went to Chicago yesterday to visit for a week.

Dr. and Mrs. Foster Watts of Chicago are here on a visit.

George Ennis of Chicago is here on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Black visited in Bloomington yesterday.

Ralph Hubert is home from Pekin visiting a few days.

Wilmer Bradley of Chicago is visiting his parents.

Will Bevan who is working in Chicago is home visiting relatives.

Will Snow came home yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

George Holland of Jamestown, Kan., is visiting relatives in the city.

Thomas Lowe is visiting in Montpelier, Ind.

Mrs. Louella Willoughby is visiting friends in Springfield.

R. F. Lashaw and wife visited in Edwardsville yesterday.

Roy and Ethel Schriver visited friends in Springfield yesterday.

Miss Margaret Portwood is visiting friends in La Salle.

J. P. Smith and wife visited friends in Sadorus yesterday.

Arthur Woodward has gone to Chapin for a week.

Rev. W. F. Burnham and family went to Chapin to spend Christmas and will return home today.

Will Murray, traveling man for the Decatur Coffin Company, is home for Christmas.

Miss Mabel Cain, who is attending the convent in Springfield is home spending Christmas.

Jess Crow of Chicago is in the city.

Miss Nora Lyons visited in Clinton yesterday.

Mrs. A. Hughes of Chicago is in the city a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sears.

J. R. Race got back Christmas day from Kansas where he has been on business for several weeks past.

Clarence Vance and Bob Nicholson came down from Chicago to visit for a few days.

Will Kelly is here to visit until Monday. He is now traveling for Lyon & Healy of Chicago.

Mrs. Meeky Lowry went to Pawnee, Ill., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Will Jones.

Judge E. P. Vall came down from Chicago to spend Christmas with his family.

Deputy Sheriff Will Pritchett went to Niantic yesterday to dine and visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cackley of Clinton, were in the city yesterday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boyer.

Miss Mary Smith of Houston, Tex., is here for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith in Riverside. She will go from here to New York.

Mrs. E. S. Millsap and niece Nella Pearl Shidal are visiting in Farnell, Ill., with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shidal.

Misses Charlotte Tullis, Edith Louise Sanders, Kate Brinkman and Maude Swantz spent Christmas in Peoria the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sanders.

J. H. Miller of Houston, Tex., a student at the McCormick Theological seminary at Chicago is visiting the family of P. F. Laughlin.

Orpha Cowgill and wife and child and George Cowgill of St. Louis visited in Decatur yesterday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dodd and son Earl and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Calhoun and son Richard spent Christmas in the state capital, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Dodd.

A Test of Sanity.
"Women are the most curious creatures, and in many instances their ways are quite past understanding," remarked a lawyer who had been consulted by a man who was troubled with a slight love affair. Now, this party in question nearly scared my client to death by informing him she'd come to town here for the one purpose of committing suicide, and all because of unrequited love of him. The poor man was worried into a state bordering on collapse, and tried not to allow her out of his sight for fear she'd make way with herself. I put a detective on her track, and not until the last moment was he able to give me a reassuring account. Her last act assured me my client had little to fear. When she was about taking the train she bought no ticket, having purchased an excursion ticket before she came. I liked the method in her madness. It took a world of anxiety off my client's mind."—Philadelphia Record.

Shrewd Scheme.
Rescued from serious peril of being returned to Hamburg from New York on the ground that she was likely to become a public charge in the United States, pretty Marguerite Koch, who is now Mrs. Walter Fischer, probably more than ever regards her husband as the right sort of protector in time of trouble. This is because Walter smuggled a clergyman along with him into the "excluded" room where poor Marguerite sat waiting to be placed on an outward bound steamer, then and there took Marguerite for his wedded wife, and, tucking her hand under his arm, walked bravely forth into liberty, defying the immigration authorities to do their worst. As these latter are themselves but human, it is extremely probable that they will quietly chuckle at Fischer's trick, agreeing that he acted exactly as he should.

RELICS FROM OLD POMPEII.

Wonderful Find Has Been Made in a Village at Foot of Vesuvius.

For the first time millionaire art collectors are to have an opportunity of buying treasures which were buried by the same eruption of Vesuvius that destroyed Pompeii. In the little village of Boscoreale, at the foot of Vesuvius, and between Naples and Pompeii, a wonderful find on private property has been made. It consists of splendid frescoes and unique art treasures.

The frescoes are said to far exceed in value anything yet found, and in their design to show breadth of treatment hitherto unknown in the frescoes of this period. In one tomb was found a tortoise shell disk which some supposed to have been a mirror, but as tortoise shell is an inferior reflector it is more probable that it is the back of a mirror of silver plate on bronze, of which ancient mirrors were so often made. But the great interest of this disk is not what it was used for, but that it is the first find of tortoise shell in any form in these excavations and the question now arises, where did it come from? For the present day supply comes from Zanzibar and the West Indies.

They have also made the interesting discovery that electrum (gold alloyed with silver) was known in pre-Hellenic times. A second specimen of the sphinx or Pandean pipe has been found. This is the original form of the modern organ. The example just found is large enough to be blown by bellows or a windbag, like bagpipes, which are still to be seen in their original form in the streets of Naples at Christmas time, when peasants from the surrounding country come into the town with them. A small statue of Perseus has also been found. Up to this time it is the unique specimen of that subject in ancient sculpture.—Philadelphia Ledger.

CONFESSIONS OF EMILE ZOLA.

What the Great Writer Liked and the Things He Most Heartily Disliked.

The Westminster Gazette brings to light some "confessions" written by Zola in a friend's album some years ago, and they are interesting in their way. Some of them are as follows:

The way I should like to die—Suddenly.

My favorite occupation—Work.

What would be my greatest misfortune—To be in doubt.

My favorite prose authors—Those who see and express clearly.

My favorite poets—Those who see and express clearly.

My favorite painters—Those who see and express clearly.

My favorite composers—Those who see and express clearly.

FIVE BORN IN ONE YEAR.

Young Looking Woman Mother of Fifteen Children in Twelve Years.

A dispatch from Jackson, Miss., says that State Treasurer Lampton received a letter from a friend in the southern part of the state, telling him of a most remarkable woman who lives near Tangipahoa, La., which is near the Mississippi line. The woman is Mrs. Stevens, daughter of Mr. Gideon Bond, a well-known lumber man of that neighborhood. She was married twelve years ago and since that time has become the mother of fifteen children, all except one of whom are living and doing well. Five of these children have been born during the past twelve months—triplets at one time and twins at the next. Mrs. Stevens is a remarkably well-preserved woman, looks young and vigorous, and there is no reason she should not become a mother several more times.

Why Denny Got Six Months.

Denny Flannigan was brought up in police court for being drunk and smashing the furniture and face of one of his neighbors. "I'll give you two months on the island," said the justice.

Denny looked penitent. "But what will become of me poor little children when O'm over there?" he asked.

"Have you any children?"

"Yis, yer honor, seven."

The justice thought a moment, then, turning to the wife of the prisoner, he asked: "Is that true?"

"Sure, an' it is," replied Mrs. Flannigan. "Three in the Catholic home, because he won't take care av thim two's dead from the scarlet fever, the oldest works out, and the baby I takes to work wid me lvery day."

"We will make your sentence six months, Denny, instead of two," said the justice.—Rochester, N. Y., Democrat and Chronicle.

Two Meanings.

When I first kissed sweet Marguerite, When I first kissed sweet Marguerite, She blushed rose red, And sternly said: "You mustn't! Stop!"

Last night I kissed sweet Marguerite, Last night I kissed sweet Marguerite, She blushed rose red, But sweetly said: "You mustn't stop."

—Utica Observer.

MEETINGS.

M. W. A. Regular meeting of Decatur Camp No. 144 Friday evening, December 26 at 7:30 o'clock. Members urged to be present. Visiting neighbors invited.

Christmas Jags.

About the only police business yesterday was lugging in a few drunks. Last night at least one man who would have frozen to death if not cared for, was locked up.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

CIGARS.

Wilson Brothers remembered their customers with cigars at their barber shop on Christmas day. There was an open box on the show case for all who cared to smoke.

TO CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Joseph Michl and Mrs. John Delbridge have gone to California for the winter.

RESUME TODAY.

Circuit court will be resumed this morning.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The revival services at Grace M. E. church which were interrupted by the Christmas festivities will be resumed Sunday evening.

EASTERN STAR.

Preceding the regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star last night, there was a Christmas supper served by the members of the order. The table was prettily decorated.

GOT WATCH CHAIN.

C. Edward remembered each of his twelve employees with a present and they gave him a solid gold watch chain.

EXCHANGE PRESENTS.

There was a friendly time between the employees of the Gleider restaurant and the firm on Christmas day. Mr. Gleider presented each one of the employees with a crisp new \$1 bill. The employees presented Mr. and Mrs. Gleider with a beautiful set of Haviland china dishes. All day Mr. and Mrs. Gleider kept open house for the employees at their home 247 West Main street.

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S TACT.

Was Demonstrated in a Recent White House Reception.

Mrs. Roosevelt has demonstrated in a genuine fashion that there is not a bit of snobbishness in the "first lady of the land." At a recent White House reception, after a number of distinguished guests had been received by Mrs. Roosevelt, a woman, beautifully gowned and conducting herself with an air of distinction, was presented.

After customary formalities the guest passed on to join a group of women whose husbands were in the official set. A frigid nod from one and a haughty reply from another made it all too plain that she was unwelcome, for some one had recognized her as a former saleswoman in a large New York department store.

With consummate grace she withdrew from the circle and was about to leave the parlor when Mrs. Roosevelt, with her characteristic tact and discernment, stepped to her side and extending her hand, said:

"I think we hardly need to be introduced as we are such old friends. I am glad to see you here."

And placing an arm around the waist of the young woman who had so often supplied her wants at the New York store, Mrs. Roosevelt led her to a sofa and chatted with her for fifteen or twenty minutes in the charming manner which is inherent in the wife of the president of the United States and which has endeared her to every American woman.

Old Wu is Gone.

Old Wu has gone; that good old scout, We need to see him more; He used to wear an outside skirt All buttoned down before.

But when he took his walks abroad, Or feasted boards he graced, He wore a hand-embroidered skirt; No belt was 'round his waste.

And underneath that gorgeous skirt Was hid a spacious tank; Old Wu would always use it when The fizzy grape he drank.

If any one's short waistband stretched And he let out a link, Old Wu would smile a Chinese smile And wink a Chinese wink.

Or if a man pulled down his vest When he was getting full, Old Wu would smile because he had No useless vest to pull.

When others under tables fell And slept serenely there, Old Wu'd be holding up his glass, And holding down his chair.

Ah, Wu could go from soup to nuts And never miss a bet, If others could have stayed with him Old Wu'd be drinking yet.

—Cleveland Press.

Fishers For Seats.

Three workmen ran breathless to catch a street car— To catch a street car as the sun went down.

Each thought of a woman who waited afar And the Beef Trust steak that was cooking brown. For men must eat and women must cook.

And there's little to balance the grocery book, Though the motor car be moaning. Three women got in at a down-town street.

At a down-town street when the car was a jam; They had bundles and boxes and wanted a seat— And the workmen together said: "My seat, Ma'am!"

For men must stand and women must sit, Though the labor be hard and the body unfit, And the motor car be moaning. Minneapolis Journal.



ON THIS

FRIDAY

We Will Make Very Low Prices on Dry Goods at 143 North Water Street, and on all kinds of Groceries at 138 Merchant Street.

Grocery Items

Our trade in groceries is increasing every week. We are getting new customers all the time. We buy all kinds of country produce from the farmers and usually have good fresh butter and eggs on hand to sell our customers. Fancy cranberries at 10c quart. Peeled (3 lb. can) peaches for 10c, worth 15c. Fine comb honey at 20c lb. Good cracked hominy, 3 lbs. for 25c. New cleaned currants at 10c package. Seeded raisins 2 packages for 25c. Fancy pint bottles of good maple syrup 15c. Arbuckle or Lion coffee, per package 11c. Heinz Baked Beans, small cans 5c; large cans for 3c. Royal or Price's baking powder at 45c lb. can. Good 3-sewed brooms at 15c. New Dates at 8c lb. on this Friday. 3 lbs. good evaporated apricots or prunes for 25c.

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STAR OF THE EAST

Pretty Christmas Entertainment at Grace Methodist Church on Thursday Evening.

THE OLD PLAN CHANGING.

Many Sunday Schools Give Presents For the Poor.

GENEROUS SPIRIT

Manifested By The Members of First Methodist School.

At the First Methodist church Christmas afternoon there was a Christmas celebration. Superintendent R. C. Augustine planned that the children be the givers instead of the recipients. In this way bushels of potatoes, five barrels of flour, corn meal, groceries of all kinds, chickens, tea, coffee, clothing, jars of jellies and jams and about \$10 in money were secured.

It had been arranged that each class of the Sunday school should bring some article and the articles were not to be known until they had presented it to the Sunday school. By this means the entertainment was turned into a number of surprises. One of the boys classes came into the room, two by two breaking apart and coming up on either side of the church in single file. Walking upon the platform they met and shook hands and the next two up and so on. They had brought meat.

Ben Imboden's class came dressed in the costumes of the Quaker. Each carried a box of quarter oats, making three dozen packages. Miss Van Hall's class, were dressed in Japanese robes and each carried a tiny tea cup. They brought a supply of tea. Miss Olive Payne's class sang "Hang up Baby's Stockings" and a fine line of small stockings were secured. And so on every class had something different.

There were in all several wagon loads. The small platform in the front of the Sunday school room was piled with the goods. There were hundreds of pieces of good clothing. All this will be turned over to the Mercy and Relief committee of the church, of which Mrs. T. B. Ewing is chairman. When the children were through, Rev. W. J. Davidson, pastor of the church, blessed the goods and expressed the wish that they might also bring a blessing to the soul as well as to the body.

The affair was the greatest success of any Christmas entertainment ever undertaken by the church. All the Sunday school officers were delighted. The pastor showed his deep appreciation and when the children were asked if they wanted to go back to the old plan they all said no.

As a result of the large amount of goods which the Sunday school turned in on Christmas day the church may establish a commissary department in the church basement. The goods received will not be given out in a bunch, but the relief department of the church will look after the needy as they go along. An effort will be made to get all different sizes of clothing and place them in the commissary department. Then when the church is called upon to help poor families they can do immediately.

A number of instrumental numbers were given during the afternoon. A cornet and piano solo was played by Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Alexandra. There was a solo by Miss Grace Starr, a duet by Mrs. H. C. Starr and Mrs. Ernest Muller, a recitation by Miss Gertrude Robinson, a song by the primary department and a recitation of the Golden text by the primary department.

AT ST. JOHANNES.

Children Hold Christmas Exercises And Are Given Treats.

On Christmas eve the children of the parochial school of the St. Johannes German Lutheran Church held their annual Christmas exercises. The program was in charge of the teachers of the school. There were two prettily decorated and brilliantly illuminated Christmas trees, one on either side of the church. All of the classes furnished some part of the program and there were a number of songs and recitations. The exercises were accompanied by an orchestra. Rev. William Heyne, pastor of the church, gave a short sermon on "The Christmas Festival; The Feast of Tabernacles."

After the exercises came the most delightful part for the children. Over five hundred sacks, filled with choice candy, apples, oranges and nuts, were distributed. Besides the big sacks each of the 350 children of the school were presented with a nice book.

On Christmas morning there was a service at the church at 10:15. The choir furnished some special Christmas anthems and there was a prelude by an orchestra. Rev. Heyne spoke from the text Luke 2:1-14.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock a second Christmas service will be held. The German Lutheran churches all over the country celebrate a second Christmas. The services are held at night on account of the large number of members who have to work and could not attend if the services were held in the day time.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

At the St. Paul's German Lutheran this evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a second Christmas celebration. The pastor, Rev. Wagner, will preach a Christmas sermon.

WESLEY CHAPEL.

One of the most beautiful Christmas exercises among the churches this year was given by the Wesley Chapel Sunday school Thursday afternoon. The chapel was beautifully decorated with Christmas holly and evergreen. The program was as follows:

Song—Joy to the World—By school.
Scripture reading.
Duet—Mrs. Roy Wiser and Miss Edith Parmenter.
Recitation—Catherine Peck.
Recitation—Leta Reeves.
Solo—Cora Cormick.
Exercise—What the Children do.
Recitation—Clyde Morgan.
Recitation—Deloras Forbes.

Exercise—What shall we Give to Jesus.—Infant class.

Song—Infant class.
Recitation—Myrtle Davis.
Recitation—George Whitsett.
Violin Solo—Mr. Brubeck.
Recitation—Martha Graham.
Exercise—The Star—By the school.
Recitation—Kate Snyder.
Recitation—Burt Whitsett.
Duet—Lelah and Ralph Augustine.
Recitation—Alpha Davis.
Recitation—Clarence Houston.
Exercise—The Chimes.
Recitation—Marie Jones.
Recitation—Ralph Evans.
Duet—Mable Gaddis.
Anthem—By the Choir.
After the exercises the little folks were given a treat. There was a Christmas tree and Park Pope acted as Santa Claus. Mr. M. G. Wilson is superintendent of the school.

LEAFLAND AVENUE.

Christmas exercises were held at the Leafland avenue chapel last night. The following program was rendered.

Welcome Chorus—By the school.
Song—God Bless Our School—Clara Goodwin.
Song—Maude McDaniel.
Recitation—Myrtle Waltz.
Recitation—Beautiful Belles—Myrtle Holland.
Recitation—I'm His Better Half—Vivian Godwin.
Recitation—Christmas Eve—Roy Robbins.

Song—By School.
Holiday Acrostic—Five little girls.
Recitation—The Telegram—Minnie Reed.

The holiday Convention—By Four Little girls.
Recitation—When Santa Claus Comes—Goldie Smith.

Recitation—Christmas Evangel—Edie Waltz.
Song—List to the Christmas Carol—Three Little Girls.

Recitation—Christmas Carol—Maude McDaniel.
Recitation—Santa Claus—Nelson Fisher.

Recitation—Christmas—Raymond Nelson.
Exercise—The Defense of Santa Claus—Twelve Little Girls.

Song—Santa Claus Is Coming This Way.

The children were given a treat after the exercises and Santa Claus made his appearance through a large chimney, which was erected on a platform. The mission was beautifully decorated with Christmas holly and evergreens.

GOOD WORK OF ARMY.

Salvation Army Feeds Lots of People at Barracks.

Nearly 300 of Decatur's poor people were feasted in the Barracks of the Salvation army Christmas noon. The good news of the free dinner had been heralded through the papers and the poor were ready to receive. Many hearty thanks were extended to Captain Jensen and Secretary L. A. Odum who were in charge of the dinner.

By 11 o'clock the capacity of the Army barracks was tested. Old and young, some crippled, others ill but happy, gathered around the heaped up tables. The good women of the Army waited upon the deserving ones, and the way the food was consumed was sufficient endorsement that it was well prepared. The officers of the Army had for months been collecting the names of deserving poor, and after the dinner, about 320 baskets of good things were distributed. By this means several hundred persons were made happy for Christmas and for days to come, as the amounts distributed was enough for several days.

During the week small boxes had been placed in the stores around town. From these boxes several dollars in money were secured. On the streets during Christmas time the members of the Army had erected kettles, hung from three poles. From these about \$15 or \$20 was secured. This money was used to purchase food, and to meet other expenses of the dinner.

On Sunday night there will be a Junior Christmas celebration for the little folks. An immense Christmas tree will be erected in the barracks. On Monday night Santa Claus will, on his return to the north pole, stop at the Army barracks and leave the toys which he has left over. These will be given to the little children who were missed in his first visit on Christmas night.

HELP UNFORTUNATES

Members of the Presbyterian church Give to the Poor.

The members of the First Presbyterian Sunday school held their annual Christmas exercises Thursday afternoon in the Sunday school rooms of the church. The old idea of accepting gifts was put aside and in place the members of the school made donations for the relief of the deserving poor of the city. The plan proved very successful and a large amount of eatables was secured and will be distributed. The contributions consisted mostly of vegetables together with fruit, flour and other staples, with some delicacies. The little folks brought toys for the children of the poor, and the whole affair with the lesson that it instilled was voted the most successful Christmas undertaking in the history of the school. There was a large attendance and the following program was given:

Doxology.
Prayer—Dr. Penhalligon.
Song—Joy to the World.
Scripture recitation, primary department.
Phonograph recitation, William Traver.

Opening remarks, Supt. Mills.

Song—Primary school.

The tenor of Mr. Mills' remarks was the object of the holiday and of the blessing and joy of giving. There was a magnificent Christmas tree handsomely illuminated with electric lights.

Second Baptist.

The ladies aid society of the second Baptist church perpetrated a pleasant Christmas surprise on the members of the church by having the building fitted with electric lights. It was a genuine Christmas surprise and most opportune coming as it did in time for the Christmas exercises on Wednesday evening. The children of the Sunday school gave a program and afterward were given presents and a treat.

WILL ORGANIZE.

Hotel Men of Illinois Meet in Peoria Today.

The hotel men of Illinois will meet in Peoria today to form a state association. Some of the men in that line of business have come to the conclusion that such an organization is essential for their own protection. Letters sent out from Peoria to the hotel men in various parts of the state have met with such responses as indicate that there will be a large attendance.

The letters sent out by the promoters of the plan suggest that the questions to be discussed shall be the advisability of a general adoption of the European plan of conducting the hotels of the state. There is a question of charging for the use of sample rooms and many other things known only to hotel men and commercial travelers.

One of the things about which it is said that there is general complaint is the rental of telephone booths. Some of the hotel men say that the telephone companies seem to think that they (the telephone men) have an undisputed right to install such booths without charge. The hotel men say that they are compelled to pay for their own phones and get nothing for the booth and can't get any satisfaction when they appeal to the telephone management. They propose to take a fall out of the phone companies.

F. B. Stearns of the Decatur, will attend and at the banquet tonight respond to the toast, "Our Troubles."

Charles Laux of the St. Nicholas is unable to attend on account of previous engagements.

Danville Pioneer Dead.

James Kildee, aged 102 years, the oldest man in Vermilion county, is dead. He was born in Ireland and came to America in 1852. He came west some years ago and settled near Paris where he engaged in the cattle business. He was devoted to the exercise of the Catholic religion and the last ten years of his life were spent almost entirely in prayer.

About Army Recruits.

The recruiting returns for the year ending June 30, 1902, show that native-born Americans are entering the army in good numbers. The ratio for the year was 6.6 native-born men to 1.4 foreign-born; in 1900 it was 5.6 to 1. Of foreign-born recruits in 1901, Germany supplied 618, with Ireland a close second with 607. England furnished 332, Canada 286, Russia 120. No other country gave more than 100 men. Norway sent 66, Scotland 47, Switzerland 45, Italy 40, and France 31; while the foreign-born recruits from all the rest of the world numbered 1190. Minors accepted as soldiers numbered 3,261; 13,175 men were between the ages of 21 and 30, 2,050 were over 30 and under 40, and 63 were over 40 when they enlisted. Some of the recruits were laborers, farmers, soldiers, clerks, machinists and engineers, printers, carpenters, cooks and shoemakers. Their trades will be of use to them in the army; and when they have served their enlistments the recruits of the year will find that their military experience will be of use in their trades.—New York Sun.

Got Just Dues.

However much they may resent his action, the nephews and nieces of Benjamin W. Gist of Falls City, Neb., have themselves to blame for the fact that they have lost a fortune of \$40,000 which he was more than willing to give them. The uncle had just come into possession of this legacy, but being already wealthy, it was suggested that he distribute it among his younger kin, and to this he readily assented. But right here the trouble began, the nephews and nieces plunged into a voracious family row over the apportionment of the money and poor Mr. Gist's life became a burden to him. So, wisely, he left his kinsfolk out of his calculations altogether, and used the \$40,000 in relieving the distress of the suffering poor. This seems so just a rebuke of greediness that the average reader will be tickled into smiling while applauding "Uncle" Gist's shrewd change of front.

No-Overcoat Brigade.

Wall street has a "no-overcoat" brigade, which includes among its members some of the richest and best known men in New York. Two of its best-known figures are Ogden Mills, the multi-millionaire, and John R. Dos Passos, the well-known lawyer. Either could have an overcoat for every hour of every working day and extra ones for Sundays and holidays if he so desired. It is seldom that they wear them, however. It must be bitter weather indeed when they are seen in overcoats in the financial district.

Every person bringing a new cash subscriber to the Herald gets one guest for every ten cents paid. The subscriber also gets the same.

::ANNOUNCEMENT::

WE wish our patrons all a Happy New Year. The year just past has been all that we could expect in a business way, all of which is due to your appreciated patronage. It has been our endeavor to give to you for your money as good value as possible, and we trust that all you have purchased of us has proved all that you expected.

Immediately after Christmas we will invoice for the year, and during the week and following the New Year we will offer some exceptional values on some lines that we need to close out in order to make room for early spring goods. You will do well to see later announcements as to details.

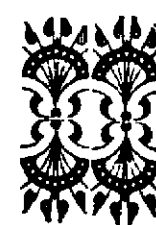
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THEN COUNT IT CORRECTLY and it ALL BELONGS TO YOU

ON JANUARY 1st the Herald will give away a gallon jar filled with money to the person or persons who can count it correctly. There are pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars, dollars and bills of various denominations—nothing in it but money. You have just as good a chance to get it as anybody. The jar was filled and sealed at the Millikin National Bank. The contents cannot be disturbed, for the bank's seal is on the ribbon holding the stopper in place. Not a soul knows the amount of money in the jar—not even the proprietors of the Herald or the men who filled it, and no one will know until the first of January, when it will be counted by a committee of business men of Decatur and the prize awarded.

HERE IS THE PROPOSITION:

The entire amount goes to the person or persons counting correctly the contents of the jar. If two or more persons count it correctly, the contents will be divided equally among them. If no one counts the amount exactly, the person or persons getting nearest will get the money. In other words, the best counter gets the money.

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2. Two counts with every 25 cents paid on want advertisements in advance.
3. Every person bringing in a new subscriber will be allowed a count with every ten cents paid on the new subscription. The new subscriber will also be allowed a count for every ten cents which he has paid.

NOTE THIS: While no one in the employ of the Herald knows, or can possibly discover the exact amount of money in the jar, yet no person employed directly or indirectly by this paper will be allowed to participate in the contest at all. No person connected with the Herald or members of his families will be allowed to submit any counts under any circumstances. The contest is free-for-all under the conditions stated and there are no handicaps. Everybody starts from the scratch, and you stand as good a chance as any one on earth. You are in invited to see the money in the jar, and count early and often on the amount in it. The more you count the better chance you have to win. Slips on which to put your count may be had at the Herald office or of solicitors. You cannot use any other slips but these. All counts will be placed in a box and opened on the day the jar is opened.

See the Money Jar at King's Drug Store